

REMARKS – General

By the above amendment, the applicant has rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical objections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

The Objection of Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 12, and 13

The claims 2-4, 6, 7, 12, and 13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To overcome the objection, all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and the dependent claim 2 have been combined to form a new independent claim 21 to define patentably over Davis. Specifically, claim 21 has been written such that the watercraft further comprises a first control means to control the loading characteristics of the said generator “according to an operator-adjustable function of a load point parameter of the generator ...”.

Original claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, and 13 have been replaced by new claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 31 and 32 that are dependent upon the new claim 21. These new claims are identical to the original claims with the exception of now being dependent upon the new claim 21.

The Rejection of Claims 1, 5, 8-11, and 20

The claims 1, 5, 8-11, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Davis. These claims have been replaced by new claims 21, 24, 27-30, and 41. Claims 24 and 27-30 are dependent upon the new independent claim 21 that has been created as described above to define patentably over Davis.

To overcome the rejection of claim 20, new claim 41 was written to define patentably over Davis via the modification of part d (from claim 20) to comprise providing a means of controlling the loading characteristics of the said generator according to an operator “adjustable function of a load point parameter of the said generator ...”.

The Allowance of Claims 14-19

The allowed claims 14-19 have been replaced by new claims 33-38. Independent claim 33 has been modified from claim 14 to also include generators of types other than those

producing AC electric power, such as brushless DC generators. Claims 34-38 are unchanged from canceled claims 15-19, with the exception of being dependent upon new claim 33.

New Claims 39, 40, and 42-45.

New claims 39 and 40 have been created that are also dependent upon claim 33. New independent claim 42 has been created, with new dependent claims 43-45, that cover a single watercraft with multiple distinct modes of operation not anticipated by the prior art, including Davis.

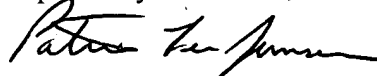
Conclusion

The applicant submits that the new claims 21-45 all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action he respectfully solicits.

Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

The applicant has amended the claims of this application so that they define novel structure that is unobvious relative to the prior art. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, the applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. §2173.02 and §707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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